

**Child Welfare Improvement Committee
Indiana Court Improvement Program
Minutes**

January 13, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1. Members present. Magistrate Mollo, Jane Bisbee, Cathy Graham, Nancy Fisher, Kimberly Howe-Ferguson, Reba James, LaTrece Thompson
2. Guest Present. Diana Mejia, DCS.
3. Staff Present. Matt Hagenbush, Angela Reid-Brown, and Kim Spindler.
4. Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2016 meeting. The minutes from the November 4, 2016 meeting were approved.
5. CIP Updates. Angela Reid-Brown provided an update. A continuing resolution has been passed providing short term funding for the CIP basic grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2017. The Families First Prevention Services Act did not pass before Congress adjourned in December 2016. The Families First Prevention Services Act was re-filed on January 4, 2017 and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. The CIP application submitted in November 2016 was approved. A copy of the approved strategic plan was distributed.
6. Legal Orphan's Project. A Legal Orphan's Project informational sheet was distributed. Matt Hagenbush distributed a copy of the revised Post-TPR benchcard. Committee members suggested adding headings to the benchcard. The committee also proposed the addition of questions focused on the child and guardian ad litem.
7. May 25, 2017 Collaborative Conference Updates. The conference workgroup met this morning to further refine the agenda. Registration information will be sent out in March. The workgroup is scheduled to meet again on February 10, 2016.
8. Other Matters.

SB 366-Driver's license for foster children was discussed. Cathy Graham reported IARCA helped work on the legislation. The bill will be set for a hearing. The bill is similar to the Florida Keys to Independence program. It was reported that Chafee funds may be available to help the youth pay for insurance. A concern was raised about how a youth who may get into an accident would be able to pay the insurance deductible or for the cost of damages.

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March 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

1. Members present. Magistrate Heather Mollo, Jane Bisbee (telephonic), Leslie Dunn, Kyle Gaddis, Cathy Graham, Nancy Fisher, Kimberly Howe Ferguson, Magistrate Andrew Roesener, Latrece Thompson.
2. Staff present. Matthew Hagenbush, Angela Reid-Brown, Kim Spindler.
3. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2017 Meeting. The minutes from the January 13, 2017 meeting were approved.
4. Post-TPR Benchcard Updates. Matthew provided an update on the status of the post TPR benchcard.
5. May 25, 2017 Collaborative Conference Updates. The draft conference agenda was reviewed. Conferees will be asked to submit any questions they would like answered during the registration process. A conference call will be arranged with Sue Badeau and panelists.
6. Theory of Change Exercise. Committee members began working on a theory of change for the Legal Orphan's project. The draft theory of change will be further refined at the CIP Annual meeting on April 10-11, 2017.

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July 14, 2017
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Members Present. Reba James, Cathy Graham, Jane Bisbee, Kimberly Howe-Ferguson, Magistrate Andrew Roesener, Nancy Fisher, LaTrece Thompson, Magistrate Heather Mollo (chair).

Guests Present. Jennifer Lee, Department of Child Services.

Staff Present. Matt Hagenbush, Angela Reid-Brown and Kimberly Spindler, Indiana Office of Court Services.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2017 Meeting. The Minutes from the March 3, 2017 meeting were approved.
2. DCS Permanency Roundtable Presentation. Jennifer Lee provided an overview of the DCS Permanency Roundtable (PRT) process and presented PRT outcome data. Jane Bisbee advised each DCS region has a permanency team that meets regularly to review stuck cases. Troubled cases reviewed by the regional permanency team are often referred for a PRT. Provider input on cases referred to a PRT is often obtained before or after the PRT, or at a Child and Family Team Meeting, which should be held prior to the PRT.
3. Legal Orphan's Project. Matt Hagenbush reviewed the proposed intervention and theory of change. The proposed intervention is PRT Plus, which is like a regular PRT, but with more non-agency stakeholders invited to participate. Eligible cases will include children 14-18 years old whose parental rights have been terminated and the permanency status rating has not increased in 6 months or cases in which the permanency status rating has decreased. The "Plus" refers to the addition of non-DCS personnel who are either knowledgeable about permanency options generally or about the child's situation specifically. The proposed theory of change is that a pilot will be created in one county using the PRT Plus model so that we get additional expert permanency-focused perspectives for alternative ideas for permanent placement so that we arrive at suggestions so that DCS, the child, the GAL/CASA, and the court implement a permanency plan designed for the youth so that we reduce the number of children who leave the child welfare system without achieving permanency and reduce the time that age group takes to achieve that permanency.

The Committee discussed mandatory and optional members of the PRT Plus team. Jane Bisbee will review the proposed intervention and theory of change with Director Bonaventura.

4. Other Matters. The Committee reviewed the comments from the May 25, 2017 CIP Collaborative Conference.